

Missionary News.

MISSIONS IN THE HOME.

When we think of Home Missions we usually call to mind the far West with its prairies, cowboys, and mining camps, or the South and the schools and churches for the colored people; but do we not sometimes overlook that mission-field which lies within our own doors?

The following illustrations may help us to see the point more clearly:

"Two young married women moved to the same town within a few months of each other. One morning one of these ladies went to see a minister's wife in the town.

"I want to talk to you about my cook," she said. 'I am trying to get her to Sunday-school. She has taken a prejudice against our school, and so I am looking about for a nice class for her somewhere else. Do you think you could find a place for her?'

"After some consultation the minister's wife thought she could.

"Well, then," said the visitor, 'I will bring her around myself next Sunday afternoon, so that she will have no excuse. To tell the truth, I am more enthusiastic about it than she is.'

"The other young married woman had a little nurse-girl in her household. Both she and her husband were professing Christians. The wife taught a Sunday-school class, which she was at pains to entertain at her house one afternoon in each week. The little nurse-girl was carefully watched over in many respects, and she was soon devoted to her mistress. But alas! Sunday came and went and Molly never appeared at church or Sunday-school. She was questioned, and her mother appealed to; but it seemed to be the deliberate plan in that Christian household to allow her duties to be so arranged as to keep her away from all religious services. Finally, after many months, it was promised that on every other Sunday she should be free to go once to church."

Listen again. "There is a family praised in the gates for their shining Christian example. They are genuinely pious people, full of good works and alms-deeds. One of the sons of the house is said to be the 'Corliss engine' of the church to which he belongs. The mother and daughter are active workers in many branches of benevolence. One day the Methodist minister of the town stopped on the street to ask the cook in this family, who was his parishioner, why she did not come to church. The girl's face clouded.

"I can't get off," she said; 'we always have a big breakfast on Sundays and a fine dinner. All the young gentlemen are home then, and we have things extra nice. So I can't get away.'"

Take a hint from these illustrations and look a little into the habits of some members of your own household.

Matrimonial.

MIKESELL—DITMER.—Feb. 19, 1895, at Troy, O., by the undersigned, brother F. C. Mikesell and sister Harriet Ditmer, both of Troy, O. May a long, happy and useful life attend this union.

A. PEARSON.

SHEELEY—KLINE.—Feb. 19, 1895, at the residence of the bride's parents, Roxbury, Md., brother Wm. H. Sheeley and sister Mollie J. Kline, by Elder J. C. Mackey, of Hagerstown, Md.

J. C. MACKEY.

Our Dead.

HUGHES.—Feb. 17, 1895, at Warsaw, Ind., Hudson B. Hughes, aged 27 years, 4 months and 9 days. He united with the church December last and passed away in Christian peace. Funeral service by the writer. Text, John 11: 25.

C. F. YODER.

McCLAIN.—Feb. 10, 1895, Herman, son of Wm. McClain, aged 24 years, 2 months and 27 days. Funeral services held at the German Baptist church near Aurelia, Iowa, by elders J. Frostle and John Earley, from the impressive words, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

W. S.

FRY.—Jan. 24, 1895, in the Maurer Congregation, Indiana Co., Pa., Horace Greely Fry, aged 28 years, 5 months and 27 days. The writer held a meeting in No. 2 school house in the latter part of June and first part of July, and during the meetings a number of persons were converted and added to the church through the Christian rite. Among them was the subject of this memorial who witnessed a good confession and covenanted with God in Christ Jesus to live faithful until death, and on July 3, 1894, was buried with Christ in baptism. The dread disease consumption had taken hold upon his physical nature and continued until he was relieved by death. He left evidence that indicate to the bereft companion and friends that all is well. A short time before his death he desired to be anointed. The writer assisted by elder Levi Fry attended to that very sympathetic and comforting service of the Master, in which there is the promise of the remission of sins and salvation. This service was attended to on Jan. 13, 1895. At the close of this service the dear brother said to the writer that there was another service that he wanted the writer to attend to which would be the last. This

was attended to on Feb. 17, from Revelation 14: 13, in the presence of a very attentive audience. Before his departure he requested that the following hymn be sung during the memorial service:

NO NIGHT IN HEAVEN.

There is no night in heaven,
No sorrow, grief or care;
No sickness or anguish
Can ever enter there. Etc.

May the God of all grace bless and sustain and keep faithful the bereaved sister in the Lord. And may she bring up the dear, little, fatherless children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and may they eventually constitute an unbroken family in the kingdom of eternal felicity, and may this providence of God be sanctified to the good of the bereaved mother, children and friends. And may we all live in such a manner that we shall ultimately join in the praises of the redeemed.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

ALL who have the care of children, or who have been called to use moral influences with their fellow-men, know that law and its sections are instruments inferior to love and mercy; that it is easier to melt than to break, to draw than to drive, and that persuasion triumphs where correction and admonition have utterly failed.—*Nehemiah Adams.*

HEAVEN is the day of which grace is the dawn; the rich, ripe fruit, of which grace is the lovely flower; the inner shrine of that most glorious temple to which grace forms the approach and an outer court.—*Dr. Guthrie.*

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